

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the issue of why Indiana has the highest rate of black homicide victims.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to assign to the appropriate study committee the issue of why
3 Indiana has the highest rate of black homicide victims.

4 *Whereas, Indiana has the highest rate of black homicide*
5 *victims in the country;*

6 *Whereas, According to a study by the Violence Policy*
7 *Center, using FBI data, Indiana had 213 black homicide*
8 *victims in 2014, or 34.15 victims per 100,000 people;*

9 *Whereas, The study found Indianapolis had the sixth-*
10 *highest rate of black homicide victims in the country based on*
11 *2012 data;*

12 *Whereas, In Indianapolis, the majority of homicide victims*
13 *over the past several years have been black. The city has*
14 *struggled with a rising homicide rate since 2013; and*

15 *Therefore, Last year, there were 144 killings in*
16 *Indianapolis, the most in its history; Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
4 appropriate study committee the issue of why Indiana has the highest
5 rate of black victims.

